

## MILLER CONSIDERS NEW TAXICAB LAW BONDING DRIVERS

Hearing Largely Attended by  
Taxi Owners and a Horde  
of Lawyers.

NEED OF THE STATUTE.

Good Points Clearly Brought  
Out, Though There Is  
Opposition.

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World.)

ALBANY, March 28.—A large delegation attended a hearing this afternoon before Gov. Miller on the bill that will provide for the bonding of taxicab chauffeurs against future accidents in carrying passengers, a measure long urged by this newspaper.

Among those who appeared in favor of the measure were W. E. McGuirk, General Manager of the American Yellow Taxicab Company; Nat Jacoby, General Manager of the Black and White Taxicab Company; Joseph Myerson, an attorney representing a lawyers' committee of 500 formed to urge taxicab reforms, and Assemblyman Kaufmann, who introduced the bill.

The opposition was represented by Samuel Katz, attorney for the Twentieth Century Brown and White Taxicab Association, and James Ullman and Louis Tyrone, both speaking for the Greater New York Taxi League.

Mr. Jacoby brought out the fact that the bonding of drivers as prescribed in the bill, to the extent of \$2,500 each, was very low as compared to what his company is compelled to pay annually in the courts for claims for accidents. He said there was no more reason why a chauffeur who had but one or two cabs should not be held as responsible to the public as his company, which had several hundred cabs, as each cab had to be licensed as a public hack and the same fixed rates apply both to the company and the individual.

"I think it is high time the public was protected in this matter," said Mr. Jacoby, "and although it is going to cost my company considerable money, we are willing to do it, not only to create confidence on the part of the public, but we believe the worst element in the taxicab business will thus be gradually eliminated." Mr. Jacoby presented an exhaustive brief to the Governor showing the necessity for this legislation.

Mr. McGuirk stated he was negotiating at the present time with an insurance company for the bonding of all his drivers, nearly 300, as he regarded this as a great asset in the taxicab business, not only safeguarding the public but in making drivers more responsible in carrying passengers.

"I believe this is a move in the right direction," said Mr. McGuirk, "and the New Yorkers as well as the numerous visitors to our city should actually receive the protection that they believe is theirs when they ride in a cab placarded with State and city licenses. Up to the present time no one can be sure when they get into a cab that they are protected against accident. Certainly only a few cabs can be held liable."

Mr. Myerson said there were thousands of cases pending in the courts representing claims that were uncollectible because of the chauffeur's lack of responsibility.

**ASSEMBLYMAN SHOWS WHY  
LAW IS NEEDED.**

Assemblyman Kaufmann presented a brief to the Governor in which he set forth some poignant statistics showing the vital need of the statute. He said:

"By this act provision is made for the financial responsibility of every person, firm, association or corporation engaged in the business of carrying or transporting passengers for hire in any motor vehicle, except street cars or vehicles operated by private corporations, acting under franchise and regulated by the Public Service Commissioner in cities of the first class."

"The need of such a measure has long been evidenced by the series of articles in The Evening World, and

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the various efforts by noted jurists and others in favor of such an enactment, among which is a presentment made to the Grand Jury in the August, 1920, term, asking for the enactment of such a measure, and signed by Police Commissioner Enright, and by Judges Rosalsky, Keating and Crain of the General Sessions, and a like presentment this year before Judge McIntyre.

"This measure is also endorsed by Chief City Magistrate William G. McAdoo, Magistrate Frederick E. House, Magistrate Lawrence G. Fish and by Magistrate Cobb, all members of the Traffic Court in the City of New York. Likewise, The New York Morning and Evening World has carried on for the last few years a very intensive campaign in favor of such a measure as this.

## DEATHS BY TAXICABS A DIRE- FUL SHOWING.

"The police records of the City of New York show that in the year 1921 there were killed by taxicabs sixty people; 1,996 were injured, and the total number of accidents included in the foregoing were 2,000.

"That in addition to these accidents collisions of motor vehicles of all kinds, including taxicabs, resulted in 122 people being killed and 5,910 persons being injured in the year 1921.

"The records of the City of New York show that there are 12,000 uncollectible judgments due to automobile accidents, for which the injured will not receive any compensation by reason of the operators being financially irresponsible, as it appears that the operator of the car immediately places a mortgage or lien against his cab, so that no collection can be made for the injury received.

"Under the statutes of the State of Illinois, a similar Act is in operation which requires a bond of \$10,000, whereas this statute requires a bond of \$2,500, to overcome any objection that might be urged as to the amount of indemnity being too high.

"Also the chauffeur who puts up the required bond or policy insurance which will permit him to operate, will needs prove that he is not reckless or of bad character because no surety will continue to hold themselves liable if the applicant has been shown to be a poor and extra hazardous risk.

"The guarantees that would be required by the Surety Company from the owner of the cab would be the qualifications as to respectability and capability to guarantee the freedom from negligence and viciousness, which will aid in reducing the number of irresponsible cab drivers."

I explained to the Governor that the efforts made by The Evening World to establish the present ordinance and to eliminate special privileges had resulted in a far wider use of taxicabs, which now number 16,000 as against 1,600 when the ordinance went into effect and this large number has developed a condition that has grown almost intolerable. Keen

competition among taxicabs and traffic congestion in the city had resulted in so many accidents as to require the bonding of all taxicab chauffeurs in the interests of the public.

The opposition spoke mainly as to the discrimination which they thought was contained in the bill in that it made taxicab drivers take out a bond and eliminated the drivers and owners of private automobiles.

All of those who opposed the bill were in favor of this legislation but thought the bill did not go far enough in its failure to include all automobiles.

They also objected to the amount of money the tax chauffeurs might have to pay to secure this bond, although in other States the insurance rates have been adjusted to meet the requirements and with such a large number in New York the rates would automatically seek a new low level.

## WOMAN KILLED BY AUTO, DRIVER HELD FOR DEATH

Car on Wrong Side of Lincoln Highway When It Struck Her.

Frank Francis of New Brunswick, driver of an automobile which last night, according to the police, ran down and killed Mrs. James Hahn of Leno Park, was held in \$5,000 bail to-day on a charge of manslaughter. His employer, Peter F. Tenneson, wealthy saloonkeeper, was in the car at the time of the accident with James Garity and William Van Arsdale of New Brunswick.

Mrs. Hahn was walking on the Lincoln Highway with her husband. The Tenneson car, apparently on the wrong side of the road, according to the police, struck Mrs. Hahn. She died before reaching Metuchen, where she was being taken by the car for treatment.

## FARE GAIN ON ONE B. R. T. LINE NEARLY 9 PER CENT.

February Net Income \$20,927—Deficit a Year Ago.

Passenger fares on the Brooklyn City Railroad, one of the B. R. T. lines, increased nearly 9 per cent. in February, over February, 1921, according to a financial statement issued by the company to-day. A net deficit of \$7,540 for February, 1921, was changed to a net income of \$126,927 last year—an increase on a 5-cent fare basis of \$134,467 for the four weeks.

For the eight months ending Feb. 28, 1922, passenger fares increased more than \$1,000,000, and instead of a \$908,994 deficit, as in 1921, a net profit of \$980,838 was reported. The 1921 figures include the cost of the 1920 strike.

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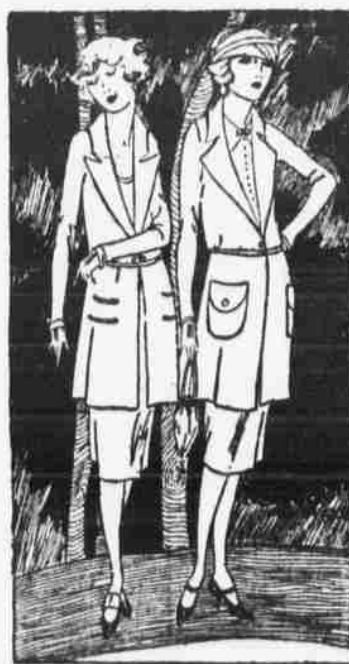
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